

# DANBURY BOWLING CLUB

## RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CLUB COMPETITIONS

(UPDATED 2024)

ALL COMPETITORS MUST BE AVAILABLE TO PLAY DURING FINALS WEEKEND OR THE PRECEEDING FRIDAY IF THEY ARE REQUIRED, UNLESS UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR, E.G. ILLNESS OR BEREAVEMENT OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY. ANY COMPETITOR FAILING TO COMPLY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ENTERING THE NEXT YEARS COMPETITIONS. ALL RULES TO BE PLAYED UNDER THE RULES OF THE EBA/EWBA.

### RULES

#### 1. Singles Competition

- a. All singles competitions, except the Denis Cooper Cup, shall be played with 4 woods for each player and shall be won by the first player to reach 21 shots.

The Denis Cooper Cup will be played with 2 woods for each player over 3 sets, and won by the player winning 2 sets. A set will be won by the first player to reach 9 shots. For the first set, the second named competitor shall toss a coin, and the Challenger shall call. The winner can choose to cast the jack or give the jack to the opponent. At the start of the second set, the player who didn't cast the jack in the first set shall cast the jack for the second set. Should a deciding third set be required, the players shall toss again and the winner may choose to cast the jack or choose to ask the opponent to cast.

- b. The Ellen Adey Trophy shall be open to those members who, prior to entry, have not won a singles/pairs trophy with this or any other club.
- c. The Christine Belshaw Trophy is a handicap singles competition open to all. Handicaps shall be set by the Lady and Mens' Captains each year. Each player will start the game with the handicap shot difference given to their opponent.

#### 2. Pairs Competitions

- a. Each game shall consist of 21 ends, 2 players with 2 or 3 bowls each as appropriate, the leaders to play their 2 or 3 bowls before the Skips. In the event of a tie, an extra end must be played – the shots from this to count in the final score.

b. Entrants to the 2 and 3 wood pairs will be seeded by ability and experience into 2 groups. Seeding will be the responsibility of the Club Captain, Ladies Captain and Competition Secretary. One player drawn from each group shall constitute a pair for the duration of the competition. The 2 players nominated for each team shall play in their selected positions throughout each round of the competition.

#### 3. Triples Competition

This competition, known as the Bill Linnett Cup, shall be open to all Club members, with a preliminary round if necessary to reduce the main rounds to 16 teams, 48 players. It shall be played on a knock out basis. The final, 2 teams, shall be played on Club Finals Day.

- a. Each game shall consist of 18 ends, 3 players with 3 woods each. The leaders shall play their bowls in the correct order before the Skips. In the event of a tie an extra end shall be played, the shots from this to count in the final score.

- b. Teams will be seeded by ability and experience into 3 groups, as in 2b above. The 3 players nominated for each team shall play in their selected positions throughout each round of the competition.
- c. Each game will be 18 ends. Dead ends shall not be replayed, but entered on the score card as 0. If the games are interrupted by inclement weather no fewer than 12 ends shall count as a completed game.
- d. Full score cards must be used. The names of the players must be written on the cards by the Skips and the scores entered by them. Both cards shall be signed by the Skips and given to the Triples Organiser as soon as possible after the game.

#### 4. The George English Shield

- a. This competition is an afternoon event based on team play.

b. The teams shall be selected from those who have entered, and be divided into 2 groups by the Competitions Secretary and Club Captain. The 2 groups shall play against each other, and the team scoring the highest number of shots at the end of play shall be declared the winner. They shall be the holders of the shield for that year.

#### 5. Regulations (For Club singles and pairs competitions)

- a. All rounds of the tournament must be played by or on the dates as set out by the Competition draws.
- b. The first named competitor in each round of the draw shall be the challenger who shall, within 14 days of the initial round of the draw being posted, and thereafter within 14 days of the published end of the previous round, arrange a date for the tie to be played.
- c. Unless otherwise mutually agreed, the challenger shall offer the opponent a choice of 2 dates within the time limit set for that round of the competition. Failure to challenge within the 14 day time limit as specified in b above shall result in the opponent being awarded the tie. Failure to agree or accept a challenge within that time limit shall result in the challenger being awarded the tie.
- d. All ties shall be arranged and completed within the time limits laid down. Only in exceptional circumstances shall the agreed dates and times be changed or possible extensions be considered. Any such changes must be approved by the Competitions Secretary.
- e. Competitors who, without good cause, fail to arrive or arrive later than 30 minutes after the agreed starting time shall forfeit the tie.
- f. Except for the finals, responsibility rests with the challenger to provide a marker for each tie in the singles competition. Markers for the finals will be appointed by the Competitions Secretary. In all cases the markers nominated must be members of Danbury Bowling Club with a minimum of 1 years playing experience.
- g. Any disputes arising under regulations b to f above must be reported to the Competitions Secretary within 24 hours of the occasion. After consideration of the facts and the rules and regulations laid down in this schedule, the Competitions Secretary shall decide on an appropriate course of action.
- h. In the event of the scores being equal on completion of the 18 or 21 ends (see rules above), necessitating an extra end being played, the leads shall toss and the winner shall have the right to decide who shall play first. In the Denis Cooper Cup, if the score after 2 sets is 1 set to each player, the competitors shall toss a coin with the player calling correctly deciding who shall play first for the start of the third set.
- i. In the event of rain stopping a competition match, play must be continued (at the same score) on the same rink on the same day. If this is not possible and the game is continued on another day then the rink must be redrawn and the game continued at the same score.

- j. The 2 Skips shall be the judges of all disputed points, and when they agree their decision shall be final. If they cannot agree, the point shall be decided by the Umpire where previously appointed, and, failing that, by a neutral person mutually chosen.
- k. On Club afternoons/evenings, with the Club Captains approval, rinks can be used for competitions.
- l. All rinks shall be approved for drawing for each competition by the Club Captain, Vice Captains and Competitions Secretary.
- m. Rinks must be drawn, but by mutual agreement, one particular rink may be omitted.
- n. No player in a competition shall play on the same rink on the day of such competition before play commences, under penalty of disqualification.

6. Dress

Greys shall be worn for all rounds of the Club Competitions, except the Finals and any other Club Competition which the Committee may designate a special occasion, when whites shall be worn. See 'dress in Rules and Constitution'.

7. Substitutions

The 2 or 3 players taking part in the first game of the pairs and triples competition shall constitute the team for that competition and shall normally play together throughout each round of the competition. If any player in the pairs or triples competition is unable to play owing to unavoidable circumstances (e.g. illness, bereavement), one additional, and the same, player may be used at any time provided they have not previously played in any round of the competition. If a player drops out before the competition begins a suitable replacement may be found. All substitutions must be approved by the Competitions Secretary who shall, as far as possible, ensure that the replacement is of a similar standard of play to that of the original player.

8. Finals Days

- a. These shall be the first or second Saturday and Sunday in September, or, if postponed because of inclement weather, or Club Tour, shall be played during the following week commencing the Monday after the second Sunday, through to Friday of the same week, at a time to be agreed between each competitor, with the approval of the Competitions Secretary, Club Captain and Ladies Captain.
- b. All Competition Finals shall be played on the nominated days. However, no player shall be required to play in more than 2 finals on the same day, and the Competitions Secretary shall arrange the program accordingly. Any finalist failing to play on the stipulated/arranged day/time shall forfeit their position and rights to any trophies. For Singles Games the match shall be awarded to the other finalist. For Pairs matches and the Triples competition a substitute may be used, but only as stipulated in the Rules of the Competition above.

A full set of The Rules and Constitution will be circulated to the complete membership every 5 years with all other updates being detailed in the A.G.M. minutes for the intervening years.

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